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Rumanian Troops and Military Installations in Sibiu

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1. Prior to the summer of 1951, Rumanian soldiers wearing black collar patches and caps with black bands were quartered in the former Artillery Barracks in Sibiu (R 35/R 20) on the west side of the road to Rasinari (R 35/R 19). The barracks installation consisted of two old multiple story buildings which had been reconstructed. (1) Prior to December 1951, no troops were stationed or exercises conducted in Cismadie (R 35/W 25).

2. [redacted] that men at the age of 21 were registered for the draft, and most of them were inducted in the same year. Ethnic Germans were inducted into labor units. Prior to late 1951, ethnic Germans of source's acquaintance, who had served with the former German Armed Forces, were not inducted. (6)

3. Prior to early December 1951, a horse-drawn unit, whose personnel wore black collar patches and caps with black bands, was quartered in the former Artillery Barracks in Sibiu, on the road to Rasinari. (1) Prior to the fall of 1951, motor vehicles of all types, but no armored vehicles and guns, were parked in the yard of an installation near the former Artillery Barracks on the east side of the road to Rasinari. Most of the Rumanian soldiers there wore fatigue uniforms. (2) Prior to the fall of 1951, an ammunition depot was located about 5 km southwest of the perimeter of Sibiu, in the so-called young forest on the west side of the road to Rasinari and about 1 km south of a cloth factory. Several low brick buildings were noticed in the area of the depot which was surrounded by a barbed wire fence with concrete posts. It was guarded by Rumanian soldiers. Trucks occupied by soldiers were sometimes seen plying between the town and the depot. Prior to November 1951, Rumanian air force personnel were quartered in the barracks installation in the Cibinul River. This installation consisted of four old multiple-story buildings around a yard. Source [redacted] repeatedly observed about 200

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soldiers being transported to and from an airfield, (3) Prior to December 1951, a long, multiple-story building on the west side of Schewis Street was occupied by the Rumanian security service. (4)

4. In October 1951, a girls' school near Schewis Street was evacuated. The evacuation of dwelling houses near the quarters of the security service, allegedly for Soviet purposes, was to take place in November 1951, but was not carried out in December. In this month, some Soviet officers and soldiers were seen in Sibiu for the first time. (5)

5. In October 1951, two officers with fur caps were seen in the street in Sibiu. They were believed to be Soviet officers. At that time, [redacted]

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[redacted] with the municipal dwelling office, that dwelling space was to be made available for foreign military personnel. (5)

6. Prior to January 1951, long barreled guns of not less than 100 mm were noticed in the former Artillery Barracks in Sibiu on the road to Rasinari. The ordnance park did not contain homogeneous equipment. (1) Prior to January 1951, a motor vehicle repair shop for Rumanian military vehicles was located at the drill ground on the road to Rasinari, where pilot training had been conducted prior to World War II.

7. Rumanians and ethnic Germans had to serve for two years, the ethnic Germans were inducted into labor units. Inductions took place in fall and spring in phases which extended over periods of several weeks. Prior to January 1951, only a contingent of the ethnic Germans of the 1927 class were inducted, and the members of the 1928 class were not inducted at all. (6)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The Rumanian artillery personnel wears black service color; hence the report confirms previous information from the summer of 1951 indicating that this barracks installation was occupied by artillery units. It also houses an artillery officer candidate school which possibly is an element of the large officer candidate school in the former officers training school on the road to Poplaca. [redacted]
- (2) Another source reported numerous motor vehicles parked on the west side of the road to Rasinari in the summer of 1951. A motor vehicle maintenance unit was alleged to have been located on the east side of the road to Rasinari prior to July 1951 but was to be transferred from there. [redacted]

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- [redacted] It cannot be determined whether the motor vehicles mentioned in the present report belong to units in the Artillery Barracks or to the motor maintenance unit.
- (3) The report confirms previous information of October 1951 stating that this barracks installation was occupied by Rumanian Air Force personnel. [redacted]

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- (4) The report confirms the office of the Rumanian security service on Strada Koroschilow, formerly Schewis Street. [redacted]
- (5) This is the first report to mention Soviet personnel in Sibiu in 1951.
- (6) The report substantially confirms previous information concerning term of service and inductions. It is established however, as early as 1951, that Rumanians of 20 years of age and some of 19 years of age were also registered for the draft and inducted. [redacted] No standard procedure appears to have been introduced for induction of ethnic Germans. Available information indicates that they were usually inducted later than Rumanians.

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